

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Adil M. Musabji on May 20, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

CLAIM 25 – Please change the Preamble to

“A non-transitory computer-readable recording medium encoded with a computer program that performs a method of using a remotely located map service server, the method comprising...”

CLAIM 31 – Please change to

A method of using a remotely located map service server computer readable, the method comprising:

obtaining data from a camera removably connected to a computer platform, the obtained data indicating geographic coordinates associated with each of a plurality of pictures~~picture~~ taken by the camera;

transmitting geographic coordinates associated with each of the plurality of pictures~~picture~~ to the remotely located map service server to request a municipality name corresponding to the geographic coordinates associated with each of the plurality of

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~~pictures picture~~, the remotely located map service server including data that indicates whether a landmark is observable by a person from said geographic coordinates; and

if the transmitted geographic coordinates associated with at least one of the plurality of pictures ~~the picture~~ are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable via a person's view based on the data included in the remotely located map service server, receiving, from the remotely located map service serve, data indicating a name of the landmark.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 25-27 and 31-37** are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 25 is allowed because prior art does not fairly teach or suggest a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium encoded with a computer program that performs a method of using a remotely located map service server, the method comprising:

transmitting the geographic coordinates associated with each of the plurality of pictures to the remotely located map service server to request a municipality name corresponding to the geographic coordinates associated with each of the plurality of pictures, the remotely located map service server including data that indicates whether a landmark is observable by a person from specific geographic coordinates; and

if the transmitted geographic coordinates associated with at least one of the plurality of pictures are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable via a person's

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view based on the data included in the remotely located map service server, receiving, from the remotely located map service server, data indicating a name of the landmark.

Claims 26-27 and 36-37 are allow because they depend from claim 25.

Claim 31 is a method claim corresponding to claim 25. Claim 31 is analyzed and allowed as previously discussed with respect to claim 25.

Claims 32-35 are allow because they depend from an allowed independent claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Aarino (US 6522889)

A location server contains or has access to a database containing location information [not location names] such as street maps, locations of buildings, landmarks buildings, etc.

Squibbs (US 6914626)

A Map View Mode with Semantic Location...user-meaningful location description (e.g. Eiffel Tower)...this field is optional.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carramah J. Quiett whose telephone number is (571)272-7316.

The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571)272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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